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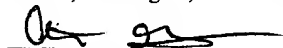
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Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P061/P0318

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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.53(d)**

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Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation      ☐ Divisional

application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) (continued prosecution application) of prior pending application No. 08/925,985, filed on September 9, 1997, entitled APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING ETCH UNIFORMITY AND METHODS THEREFOR.

Assigned to: Lam Research Corporation

- ☐ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4). DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
- ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-Form 1449 is enclosed.
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Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	19	MINUS	20	= 0	x 18 =	\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x 80 =	\$0
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$270 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$710 =	\$710.00
TOTAL						\$710.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0388 (Order No. LAM1P061).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P061).

☒ Check No. 1725 in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed.

☐ Suspension of Prosecution for the time necessary to file an amendment is requested.

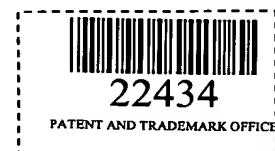
☐ An Extension of Time in the prior application is requested.

☐ A Conditional Extension of Time in the prior application is requested.

☒ Other: A Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 is attached.

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